REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-18 were pending in the application. By this response applicant has amended claims 1, 11, 14, and 17 and added new claims 23-36. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. As such, entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-18 and 23-36 are presented for the examiner's consideration. In the event there is any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of March 2004.

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